

# College 101

**When Knowing More Can Make the Difference**



# Getting Started

History of the US

Speech

Psychology

Spanish

Biology



Programming in C++

Accounting 101

Art

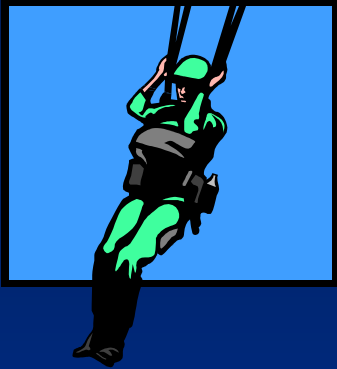
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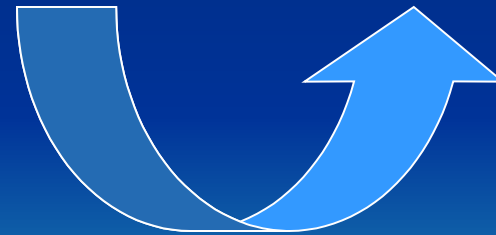
# Deciding



# Determine Your Objective



# Goal Achievement



# Topics

- Diploma Mills
- Accreditation
- Types of Post-Secondary Institutions
- Degree Descriptions
- Bachelor Degree Requirements
- Calculating Your Grade Point Average
- Education pays
- Unemployment rates & median weekly earnings by education level



# Diploma Mills

- **Sell worthless degrees**
- Big business
- Often no physical campus or buildings
- Boast of accreditation BUT NOT accredited
- Advertise degrees with few or no courses required
- For more information go to:  
<http://www.contextmag.com/> Select  
“Achieves” on bottom of page, Select  
Aug/Sep 2001 & Select Degree ‘R’ Us or  
<http://chronicle.com/free/v47/i28/28a03401.htm>



# It's Not Worth It!

- “No Diploma? No Problem. Online Diploma Mills will (sell degrees) to anyone, giving new meaning to a B.S.” writes Arnie Cooper in the Aug/Sep 2001 edition of Context Magazine.
- Most people who respond to the ads are desperate, usually because they need a degree for a job or promotion.
- Some don't realize it's a bogus school
- Employers find out and some individuals have gone to jail for their dishonesty.
- BE CAREFUL!





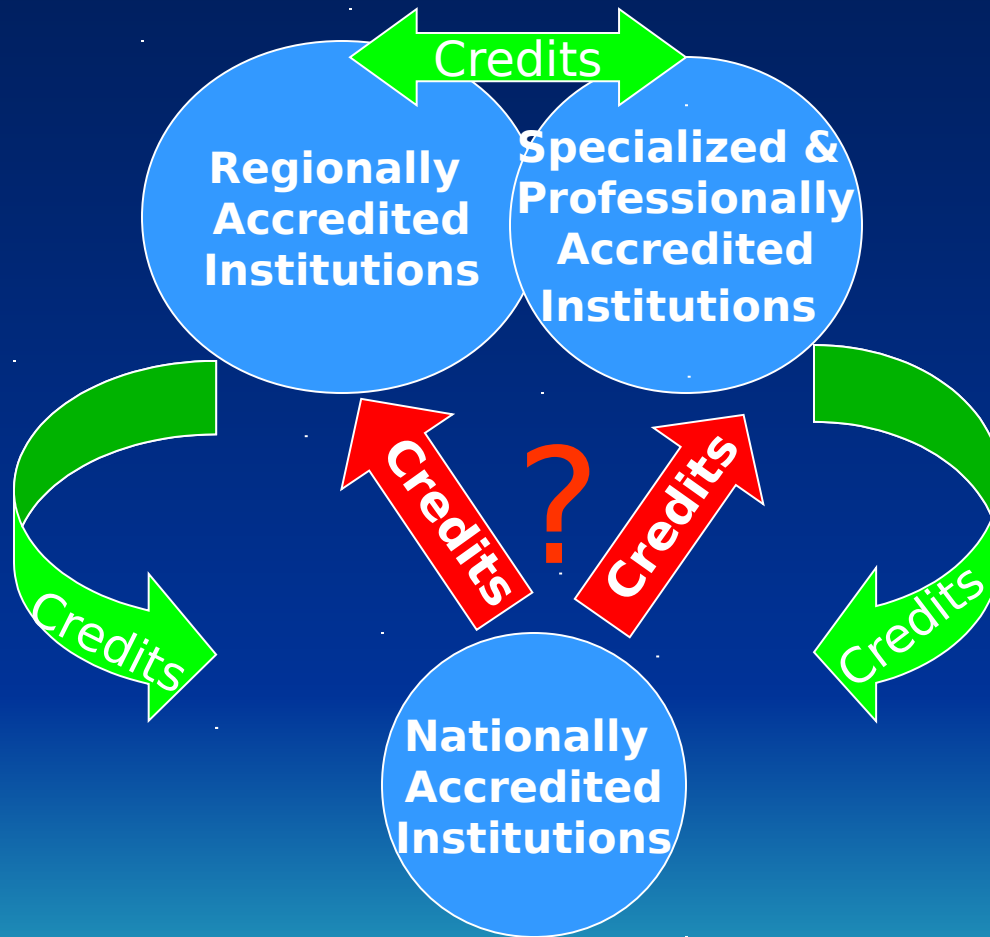
# Accreditation



- US Department of Education formally recognizes accrediting commissions that meet all federal standards
- Not all schools are accredited
- Not all accreditations are equal



# Accreditation



# Why Should I Care About Accreditation?

Other  
Accreditation



Regional or  
Specialized



# Accreditation

To check on a specific school, go to:

**<http://www.ope.ed.gov/accreditation/Search.asp>**

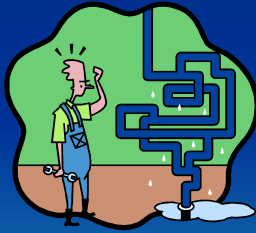


# Types of Post-Secondary Schools

- Vocational Technical, Business, & Trade Schools
- Two-Year Community Colleges
- Four-Year Colleges and Universities



# Vocational Technical, Business & Trade Schools

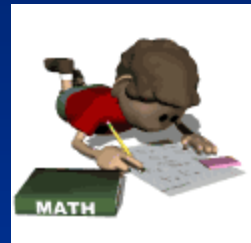


- Typically open to all students who apply
- Can be private or public
- Offer a wide variety of training such as construction trades, cosmetology and barbering, and commercial truck driving
- Training can last from a few weeks to several years



# Two-Year Community Colleges

- Open to everyone with a high school diploma or a GED
- Public schools specializing in liberal arts and specialized job training
- Help students enhance current skills and abilities
- Prepare students for employment after graduation or for transfer to a four-year institution



# Four Year Colleges & Universities

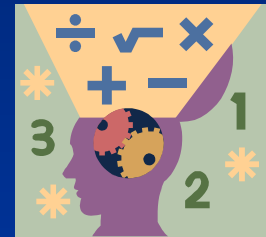
- More selective in accepting students
- May be public or private
- Offer a wide variety of courses and degrees
- Generally more expensive than two-year schools





# Placement Testing

- English
- Math
- Reading



# On-Line Courses



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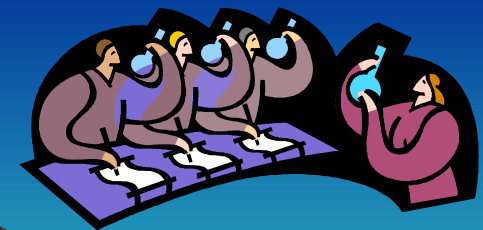
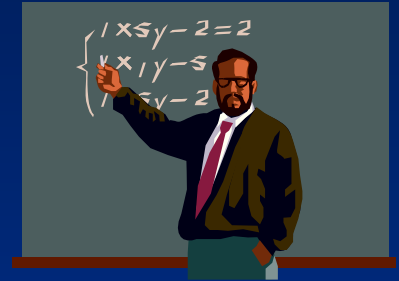


- Require
  - Computer access
  - Personal discipline
  - On-line interactions
  - More effort than traditional class
- Offer
  - Greater flexibility
  - Convenience (if asynchronous)



# Traditional Classes

- Pros
  - Immediate feedback
  - Class discussions
  - Face-to-face student interaction
  - Better for less disciplined students
- Cons
  - Class meets at scheduled days & time (synchronous)



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# Selecting a Course



- Take a required course such as English or math
- Take an introductory course in a subject that interests you such as history, art, psychology, political science, or music



# Bachelor Degree Requirements



# Calculating A Grade Point Average (GPA)

Letter Grade	A	B	C	D	F
Points Earned	4	3	2	1	0

Course	Credits	Grade	Totals
1	3	A (4)	12
2	4	C (2)	8
3	3	B (3)	9
4	3	F(0)	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>13</b>		<b>29</b>

**GPA = 2.23**



# Why GPA Matters



- If your GPA for Army tuition assistance funded classes falls below 2.0 you must self-fund additional courses until your GPA is at least 2.0
- You must have a GPA of at least 2.0 to graduate
- Higher GPAs are important for future employment opportunities and graduate degree program admission

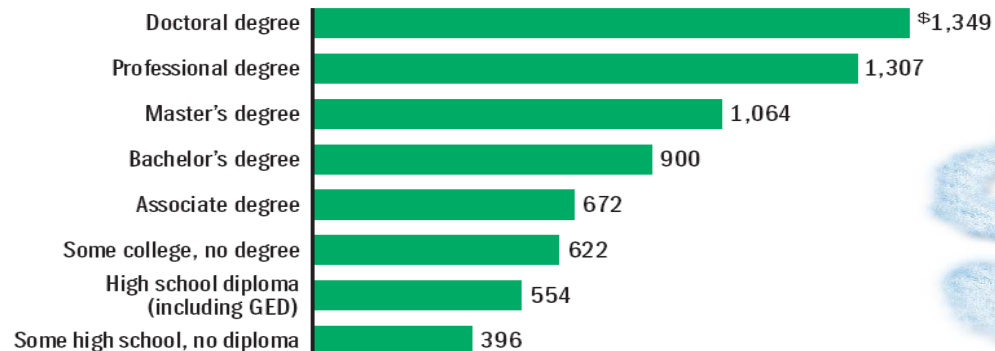




# Education pays



**Median weekly earnings for year-round, full-time workers  
age 25 and older, by educational attainment, 2003**



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

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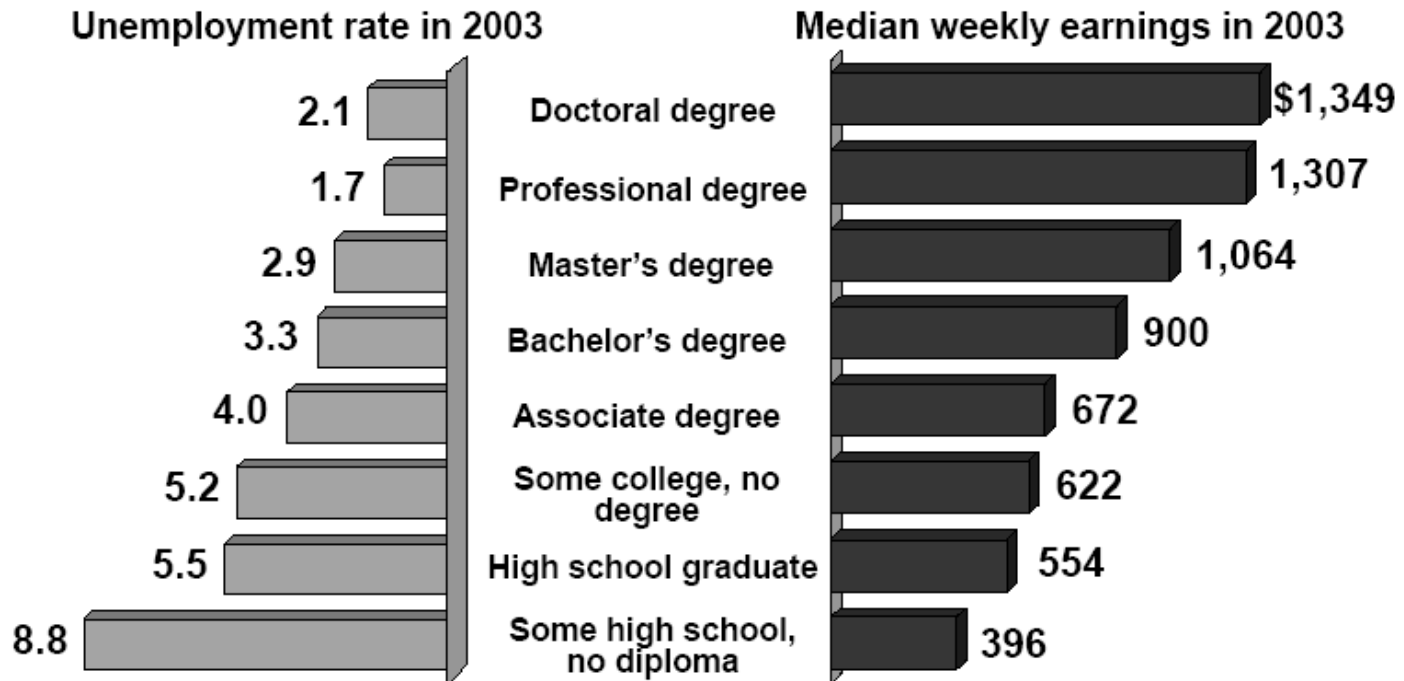
**Occupational Outlook Handbook**  
<http://www.bls.gov/oco/home.htm>



# Education and training pays



Bureau of Labor  
Statistics



**NOTES:** Unemployment and earnings for workers 25 and older, by educational attainment; earnings for full-time wage and salary workers

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics



# What's Next?

- Talk with an Army Education Counselor about your academic goals, degree plan, and related questions
- Take placement exams from school you plan to attend
- Complete the soldier training on CTAM at the following web address:  
<https://www.earmyu.com/Login.aspx>



# Believe in Yourself

“Whether you think you  
can  
Or think you can’t  
You’re Right !”

Quote by Henry Ford

